CLAIMS

We claim:

1.   A method for enhancing a hyperlink, the method comprising:

displaying a toolbar if a pointer is proximate the hyperlink, the toolbar displaying at least one link enhancement;

in response to a users selection of a selected link enhancement, performing the selected link enhancement.

2.   The method of claim 1, wherein the toolbar is displayed after the pointer is proximate the hyperlink for a predetermined time.

3.   The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one link enhancement displayed comprises at least one of: open in new window, open in new window minimized, check it later, or anchor current Page.

4.   The method of claim 1 wherein the step of performing the selected link enhancement comprises:

opening the page associated with the selected link in a new browser window.

5.   The method of claim 4 wherein the step of performing the selected link enhancement further comprises:

minimizing the new browser window without any user action.

6.   The method of claim 1 wherein the step of performing the selected   link enhancement comprises:

creating a clickable item in a window;

associating the selected hyperlink with the clickable item; and

in response to a click event, proximate the clickable item, opening a browser window with a URL of the selected hyperlink.

7.   The method of claim 6, wherein the step of creating a clickable item creates a clickable label.

8.   The method of claim 7, wherein the step of creating a clickable item creates a clickable image.

9.   The method of claim 1 wherein the step of performing the selected link enhancement comprises:

creating clickable item in a window;

associating the hyperlink at the current page with the clickable item;

opening the page associated with the selected hyperlink; and

in response to a click event proximate the clickable item, opening a browser window with a URL of the hyperlink associated with the clickable item.

10.   The method of claim 9, wherein the step of creating a clickable item creates a clickable label.

11.   The method of claim 9, wherein the step of creating a clickable item creates a clickable image.

12.   A hyperlink enhancement system comprising:

detecting means for detecting the presence of a pointer proximate a hyperlink;

display means for displaying a toolbar, the display means displaying the toolbar after the detecting means detects the hyperlink, the toolbar containing at least one link enhancement; and

calling means for calling the link enhancement in response to a user's selection.

13.   The hyperlink enhancement system of claim 12, wherein the display means displays the toolbar when the pointer remains proximate the hyperlink greater than a predetermined time

14.   The hyperlink enhancement system of claim 13, wherein one of the at least one link enhancement comprises at least one of: open in new window, open in new window minimized, check it latter; or anchor current page.

15.   The hyperlink enhancement system of claim 13 wherein the at least one link enhancement comprises: opening means for opening the page associated with the selected link in a new browser window.

16.   The hyperlink enhancement system of claim 15 wherein the at least one link enhancement further comprises: minimizing means for minimizing the new browser window without any user action.

17.   The hyperlink enhancement system of claim 12 wherein the at least one link enhancement comprises:

    creating means for creating a clickable item in a window;

    associating means for associating the selected hyperlink with the clickable item; and

    opening means for opening a browser window with a URL of the selected hyperlink in response to a click event proximate the clickable item.

18.   The hyperlink enhancement of claim 17, where in the clickable item is a clickable label.

19.   The hyperlink enhancement of claim 17, where in the clickable item is a clickable image.

20.   The hyperlink enhancement system of claim 12 wherein the selected link enhancement comprises:

creating means for creating a clickable item in a window;

associating means for associating the hyperlink of the current page with the clickable item;

opening means for opening a browser window with a URL of the hyperlink of the current page in response to a click event proximate the clickable item.

21.   A hyperlink enhancement system comprising:

displaying means for displaying a toolbar when the presence of the pointer is detected, the toolbar containing at least one link enhancement; and

calling means for calling the link enhancement in response to a user's selection.

22.   A method for enhancing an hyperlink, the method comprising:

displaying a toolbar after a presence of a pointer is detected, the toolbar displaying at least one link enhancement;

in response to a users selection, performing the selected link enhancement.

23.   A hyperlink enhancement system comprising:

a hyperlink detector that receives a position signal from a cursor; and

a display system, the display system having a display, the display configured to display a page, the display configured to display a toolbar upon the display system receiving a toolbar display signal from the hyperlink detector, the displayed toolbar comprising at least one hyperlink enhancement for selection by a user.

24. The hyperlink enhancement system of claim 17 wherein the window is an HTML form and the clickable item is places on the form as HTML CheckBox items.

23. The method of claim 1, wherein the user may select the toolbar skin.

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